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Major Property Crime, Domestic Violence, Overall Crime Figures Drop in Shelby County

MEMPHIS – The University of Memphis Public Safety Institute and the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission released preliminary figures from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) for the first half of 2019 (January-June) which show a significant drop in reported major property crime in Memphis and Shelby County, as well as a decline in domestic violence and overall crime as measured by 54 different categories.

Reported major violent crime remained fairly steady, with a very significant declines in reported robberies and rapes but offset somewhat by increases in reported aggravated assaults and murders.

The major property crime figure includes burglaries, motor vehicle thefts and other felony level thefts. During the first half of the year, the major property crime rate dropped 7.5 percent in Memphis and 8.9 percent countywide compared to last year. Declines occurred in all three categories, including a significant decline in reported burglaries – down 13.8 percent in Memphis and 15.8 percent countywide.

An encouraging decline in reported domestic violence which began in 2018 continued, with a reduction of 7 percent in Memphis during the first half of 2019 and a 5.9 percent drop countywide.

The major violent crime figure includes murders, rapes, robberies and aggravated assaults. The rate of reported robberies declined significantly compared to the first half of last year - down 18.1 percent in Memphis and 17.4 percent countywide. Reported rapes dropped as well, by 21.4 percent in Memphis and 23.1 percent in all of Shelby County.

These declines were offset somewhat by increases in reported aggravated assaults (up 8.2 percent in Memphis and 5.4 percent countywide), along with an increase in murders (up 14.5 percent in Memphis and 16.8 percent countywide).

In total, the major violent crime rate increased 1 percent in Memphis but dropped 0.7 percent throughout Shelby County.

The overall crime rate is determined by using reported crimes in 54 different categories (called Group A crimes by the TBI). The overall crime rate dropped significantly in the first half of the year compared to last year – a decline of 6.6 percent in Memphis and 7.5 percent countywide.

“Less crime means fewer citizens victimized and fewer families impacted by crime,” said District Attorney Amy Weirich. “These numbers are overall encouraging. But there is still much work to do. One of the great things about our five-year Safe Community plan is that everyone can participate in some way and contribute to a safer and stronger community. Just think what we could prevent if every neighborhood had an active in

Neighborhood Watch group.”

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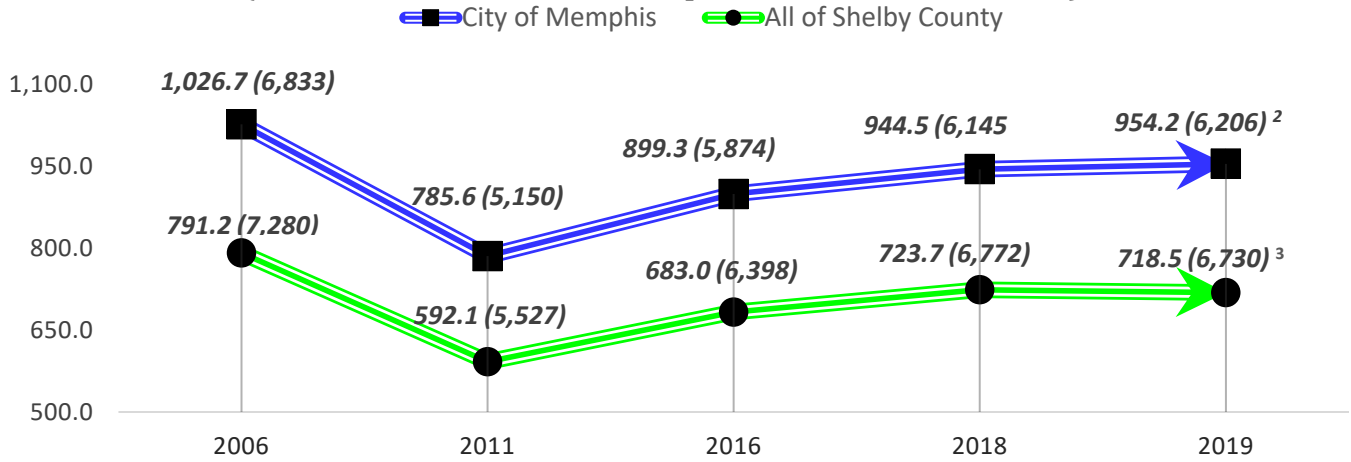
About the Crime Statistics: In measuring overall crime rates and trends, the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission and the Public Safety Institute use data reported by local enforcement agencies to the Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS), which was developed and is maintained by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. An incident is defined in TIBRS as “one or more offenses committed by the same offender or group of offenders acting in concert, at the same time and place.” Reported major violent crime and domestic violence offenses, however, uniquely refer to a victim count versus an incident count. All rates are calculated based on per 100,000 population.

About the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission (www.memphiscrime.org): Memphis Shelby Crime Commission is an independent, non-profit 501(c) (3) organization that “quarterbacks” the work of the Operation: Safe Community (OSC) plan and its partners. It is funded through the generous contributions of many private sector donors. Ben Adams, CEO of Baker Donelson law firm, serves as chair of the board, and Bill Gibbons serves as president of the Commission.

About Operation: Safe Community (www.operationsafecommunity.org): Launched in 2007, the Operation: Safe Community (OSC) action plan, spearheaded by the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission, is a community-based crime reduction initiative. Implementation of the Operation: Safe Community action plan is chaired by Shelby County District Attorney General Amy Weirich.

About the Public Safety Institute (www.memphis.edu/psi/): The Public Safety Institute of the University of Memphis is an interdisciplinary part of the University community committed to identifying and advancing best practices in the field of public safety. It is housed in the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy. Bill Gibbons serves as executive director.

MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME
JANUARY - JUNE
(Incidents Per 100,000 Population and Numbers)¹



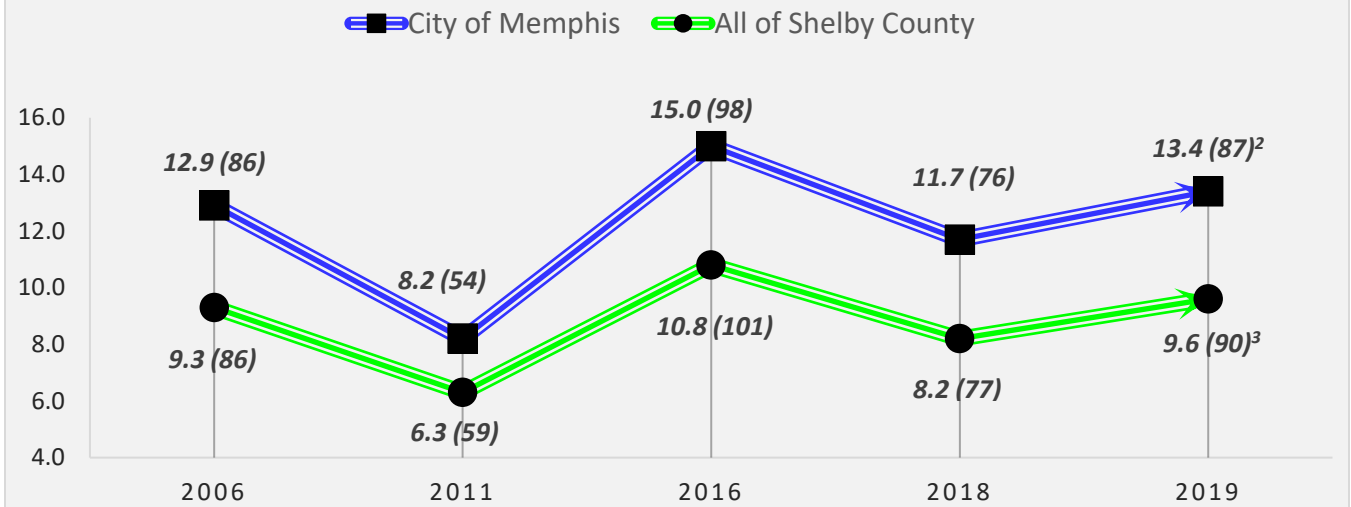
¹ Includes murders, forcible rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults.

¹ Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2019 TBI figures are preliminary.

² The 2019 figure is a decrease of 7.1 percent from 2006 and an increase of 1.0 percent from 2018 in the city of Memphis.

³ The 2019 figure is a decrease of 9.2 percent from 2006 and a decrease of 0.7 percent from 2018 in all of Shelby County.

REPORTED MURDERS
JANUARY - JUNE
(RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION AND NUMBERS)¹

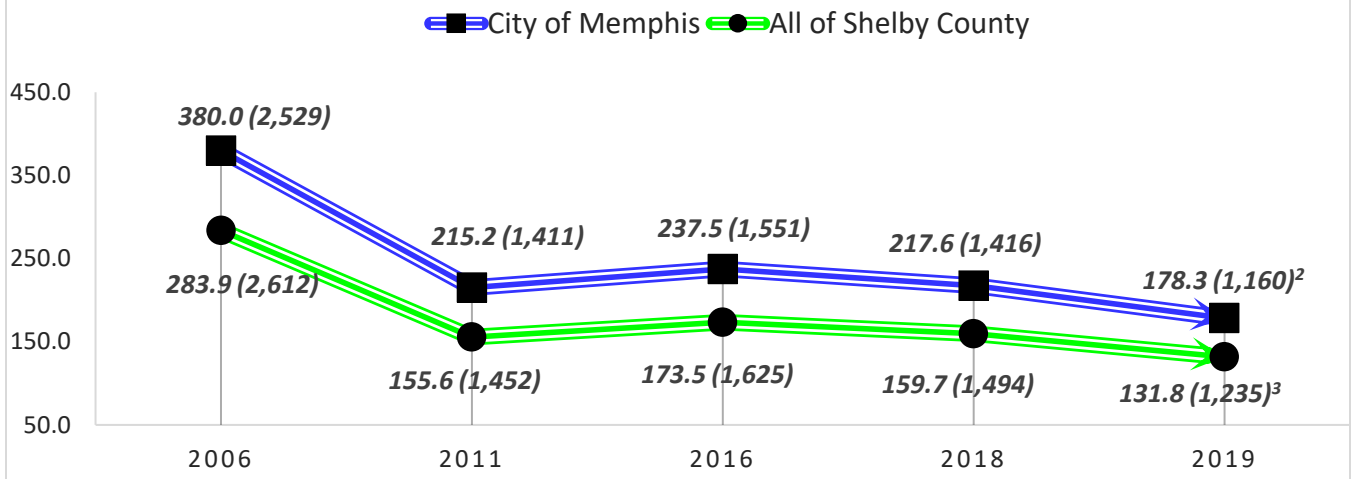


¹ Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2019 TBI figures are preliminary.

² The 2019 figure is an increase of 3.5 percent from 2006 and an increase of 14.5 percent from 2018 in the city of Memphis.

³ The 2019 figure is an increase of 2.8 percent from 2006 and an increase of 16.8 percent from 2018 in all of Shelby County.

REPORTED ROBBERIES
JANUARY - JUNE
(RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION AND NUMBERS)¹

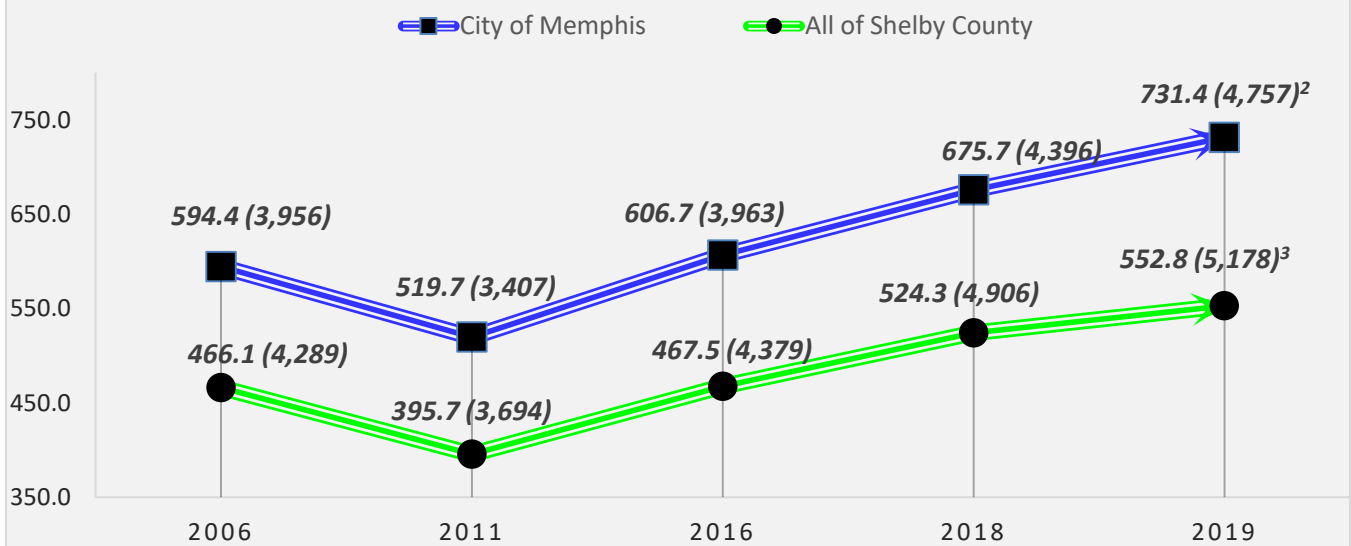


¹ Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2019 TBI figures are preliminary.

² The 2019 figure is a decrease of 53.1 percent from 2006 and a decrease of 18.1 percent from 2018 in the city of Memphis.

³ The 2019 figure is a decrease of 53.6 percent from 2006 and a decrease of 17.4 percent from 2018 in all of Shelby County.

REPORTED AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS
JANUARY - JUNE
(RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION AND NUMBERS)¹



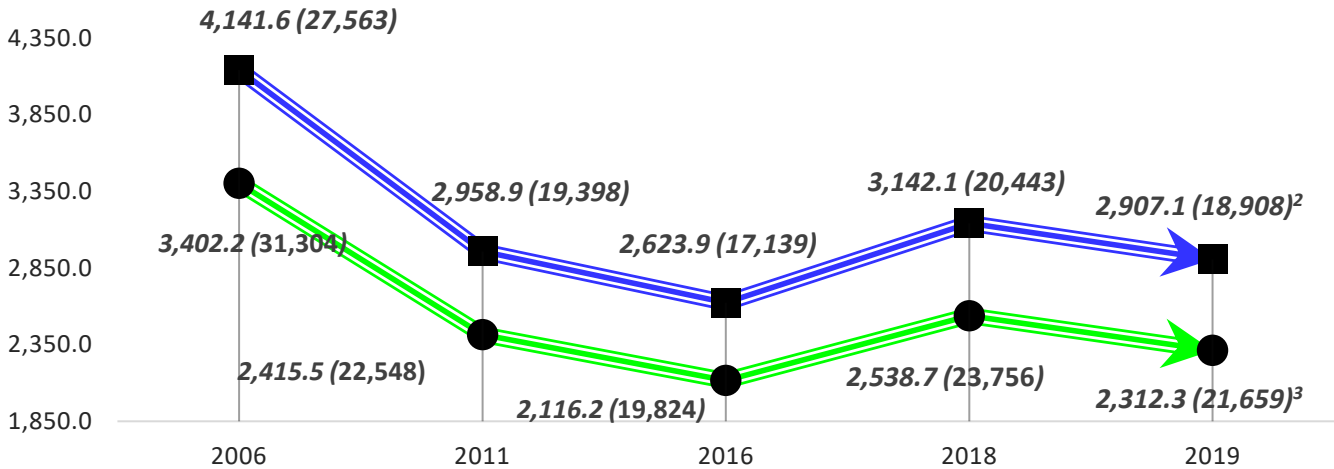
¹ Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2019 TBI figures are preliminary.

² The 2019 figure is an increase of 23.0 percent from 2006 and an increase of 8.2 percent from 2018 in the city of Memphis.

³ The 2019 figure is an increase of 18.6 percent from 2006 and an increase of 5.4 percent from 2018 in all of Shelby County.

MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME
JANUARY - JUNE
(Incidents Per 100,000 Population and Numbers)¹

■ City of Memphis ● All of Shelby County



¹ Includes burglaries, motor vehicle thefts, and other felony thefts.

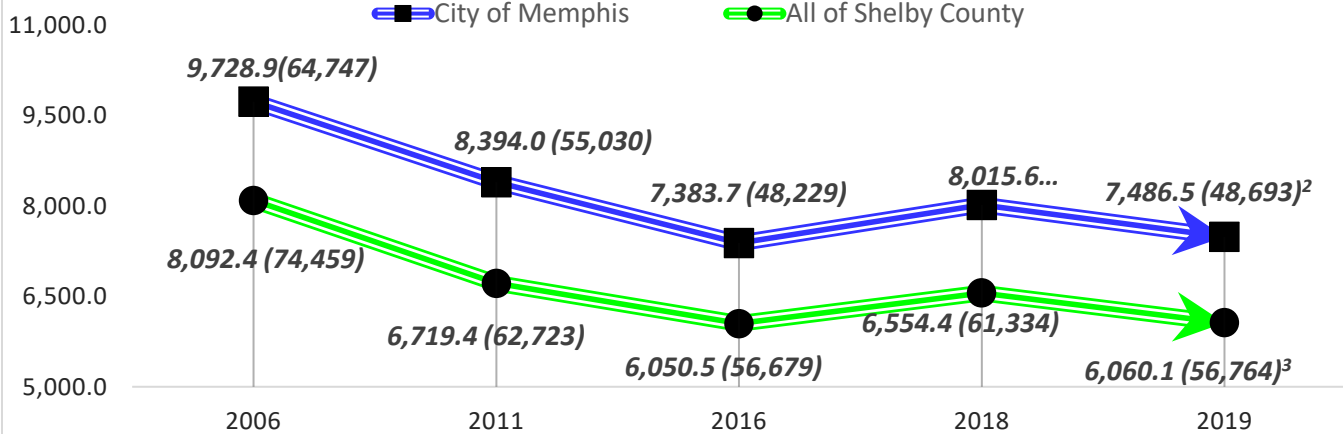
Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2019 TBI figures are preliminary.

² The 2019 figure is a decrease of 29.8 percent from 2006 and a decrease of 7.5 percent from 2018 in the city of Memphis.

³ The 2019 figure is a decrease of 32.0 percent from 2006 and a decrease of 8.9 percent from 2018 in all of Shelby County.

OVERALL CRIME
JANUARY - JUNE
(Incidents Per 100,000 Population and Numbers)¹

■ City of Memphis ● All of Shelby County



¹ The overall crime rate is measured by 54 separate types of "Group A crimes" tracked by the T.B.I.
Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2019 TBI figures are preliminary.

² The 2019 figure is a 23.0 percent decrease from 2006 and a 6.6 percent decrease from 2018 in the city of Memphis.

³ The 2018 figure is a 25.1 percent decrease from 2006 and a 7.5 percent decrease from 2018 for all of Shelby County.

Table 2.2 Memphis, TN: Crime Rates: 2006, 2011, 2016, 2018, & 2019

Operation Safe Community - Crime Trend Report									
Memphis, TN - TIBRS ¹ GROUP A OFFENSES									
CRIME RATES (Offenses per 100,000 Population ²)									
January 1 - June 30, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2018, & 2019									
Selected Offenses of Interest									
Offense Type	2006	2011	2016	2018	2019	% Change 2006-19	% Change 2011-19	% Change 2016-19	% Change 2018-19
Murder	12.9	8.2	15.0	11.7	13.4	3.5%	62.4%	-10.8%	14.5%
Rape ³	39.4	42.4	40.1	39.5	31.1	-21.1%	-26.8%	-22.6%	-21.4%
Aggravated Assault ⁴	594.4	519.7	606.7	675.7	731.4	23.0%	40.7%	20.5%	8.2%
Robbery	380.0	215.2	237.5	217.6	178.3	-53.1%	-17.1%	-24.9%	-18.1%
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME⁵	1026.7	785.6	899.3	944.5	954.2	-7.1%	21.5%	6.1%	1.0%
Burglary	1168.3	893.4	670.3	629.9	543.0	-53.5%	-39.2%	-19.0%	-13.8%
Theft Offenses	2492.4	1831.6	1743.5	2159.5	2078.4	-16.6%	13.5%	19.2%	-3.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	481.0	233.8	210.2	352.7	285.7	-40.6%	22.2%	35.9%	-19.0%
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	4141.6	2958.9	2623.9	3142.1	2907.1	-29.8%	-1.7%	10.8%	-7.5%
Simple Assault ⁶	1660.2	1811.0	1352.1	1322.3	1219.5	-26.5%	-32.7%	-9.8%	-7.8%
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁷	379.0	416.3	301.1	273.3	222.3	-41.3%	-46.6%	-26.2%	-18.6%
Weapon Law Violations ⁸	115.7	104.0	90.9	104.7	93.9	-18.8%	-9.7%	3.3%	-10.3%
Domestic Violence	1405.8	1598.9	1293.2	1282.9	1192.6	-15.2%	-25.4%	-7.8%	-7.0%
Total Group A Offenses	9728.9	8394.0	7383.7	8015.6	7486.5	-23.0%	-10.8%	1.4%	-6.6%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearms ⁹			667.3	709.2	730.8			9.5%	3.0%

¹ Due to changes in reporting offenses involving firearms, TIBRS figures are not comparable to data prior to 2016.

* Rates and population figures are based on 2006, 2011, 2016, and 2018 U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates. The latest estimates available, 2018 Estimates, are used to calculate the 2019 population estimates based on the UCR methodology which are then used for calculating the rates for 2019.

POPULATION	2006	2011	2016	2018	2019
	665,512	655,590	653,184	650,618	650,410

Table 2.1 Memphis, TN: Number of Offenses: 2006, 2011, 2016, 2018, & 2019

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Selected Offenses of Interest									
Offense Type	2006	2011	2016	2018	2019	% Change 2006-19	% Change 2011-19	% Change 2016-19	% Change 2018-19
Murder	86	54	98	76	87	1.2%	61.1%	-11.2%	14.5%
Rape ²	262	278	262	257	202	-22.9%	-27.3%	-22.9%	-21.4%
Aggravated Assault ²	3,956	3,407	3,963	4,396	4,757	20.2%	39.6%	20.0%	8.2%
Robbery	2,529	1,411	1,551	1,416	1,160	-54.1%	-17.8%	-25.2%	-18.1%
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME³	6,833	5,150	5,874	6,145	6,206	-9.2%	20.5%	5.7%	1.0%
Burglary	7,775	5,857	4,378	4,098	3,532	-54.6%	-39.7%	-19.3%	-13.8%
Theft Offenses	16,587	12,008	11,388	14,050	13,518	-18.5%	12.6%	18.7%	-3.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	3,201	1,533	1,373	2,295	1,858	-42.0%	21.2%	35.3%	-19.0%
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	27,563	19,398	17,139	20,443	18,908	-31.4%	-2.5%	10.3%	-7.5%
Simple Assault ⁴	11,049	11,873	8,832	8,603	7,932	-28.2%	-33.2%	-10.2%	-7.8%
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁵	2,522	2,729	1,967	1,778	1,446	-42.7%	-47.0%	-26.5%	-18.7%
Weapon Law Violations ⁵	770	682	594	681	611	-20.6%	-10.4%	2.9%	-10.3%
Domestic Violence	9,356	10,482	8,447	8,347	7,757	-17.1%	-26.0%	-8.2%	-7.1%
Total Group A Offenses	64,747	55,030	48,229	52,151	48,693	-24.8%	-11.5%	1.0%	-6.6%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm⁶			4,359	4,614	4,753			9.0%	3.0%

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Table 1.2 Shelby County, TN: Crime Rates: 2006, 2011, 2016, 2018, & 2019

Operation Safe Community - Crime Trend Report									
Shelby County, TN - TIBRS ¹ GROUP A OFFENSES									
CRIME RATES (Offenses per 100,000 Population*)									
January 1 - June 30, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2018, & 2019									
Selected Offenses of Interest									
Offense Type	2006	2011	2016	2018	2019	% Change 2006-19	% Change 2011-19	% Change 2016-19	% Change 2018-19
Murder	9.3	6.3	10.8	8.2	9.6	2.8%	52.0%	-10.9%	16.8%
Rape ²	31.8	34.5	31.3	31.5	24.2	-23.9%	-29.7%	-22.5%	-23.1%
Aggravated Assault ³	466.1	395.7	467.5	524.3	552.8	18.6%	39.7%	18.3%	5.4%
Robbery	283.9	155.6	173.5	159.7	131.8	-53.6%	-15.2%	-24.0%	-17.4%
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME⁴	791.2	592.1	683.0	723.7	718.5	-9.2%	21.3%	5.2%	-0.7%
Burglary	944.1	705.1	520.7	496.8	418.5	-55.7%	-40.6%	-19.6%	-15.8%
Theft Offenses	2077.4	1527.8	1431.6	1766.2	1666.9	-19.8%	9.1%	16.4%	-5.6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	380.7	182.7	163.9	275.7	226.9	-40.4%	24.2%	38.4%	-17.7%
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	3402.2	2415.5	2116.2	2538.7	2312.3	-32.0%	-4.3%	9.3%	-8.9%
Simple Assault ⁴	1361.3	1417.7	1118.0	1089.8	1014.5	-25.5%	-28.4%	-9.3%	-6.9%
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁵	380.8	358.0	293.5	286.5	234.8	-38.4%	-34.4%	-20.0%	-18.1%
Weapon Law Violations ⁵	96.6	83.6	79.5	93.5	81.1	-16.0%	-2.9%	2.0%	-13.2%
Domestic Violence	1131.6	1240.8	1038.9	1014.0	954.4	-15.7%	-23.1%	-8.1%	-5.9%
Total Group A Offenses	8092.4	6719.4	6050.5	6554.4	6060.1	-25.1%	-9.8%	0.2%	-7.5%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm ⁶			500.2	540.5	548.0			9.5%	1.4%

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POPULATION	2006	2011	2016	2018	2019
	920,106	933,457	936,759	935,764	936,686

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Selected Offenses of Interest									
Offense Type	2006	2011	2016	2018	2019	% Change 2006-19	% Change 2011-19	% Change 2016-19	% Change 2018-19
Murder	86	59	101	77	90	4.7%	52.5%	-10.9%	16.9%
Rape ²	293	322	293	295	227	-22.5%	-29.5%	-22.5%	-23.1%
Aggravated Assault ³	4,289	3,694	4,379	4,906	5,178	20.7%	40.2%	18.2%	5.5%
Robbery	2,612	1,452	1,625	1,494	1,235	-52.7%	-14.9%	-24.0%	-17.3%
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME⁴	7,280	5,527	6,398	6,772	6,730	-7.6%	21.8%	5.2%	-0.6%
Burglary	8,687	6,582	4,878	4,649	3,920	-54.9%	-40.4%	-19.6%	-15.7%
Theft Offenses	19,114	14,261	13,411	16,527	15,614	-18.3%	9.5%	16.4%	-5.5%
Motor Vehicle Theft	3,503	1,705	1,535	2,580	2,125	-39.3%	24.6%	38.4%	-17.6%
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	31,304	22,548	19,824	23,756	21,659	-30.8%	-3.9%	9.3%	-8.8%
Simple Assault ⁴	12,525	13,234	10,473	10,198	9,503	-24.1%	-28.2%	-9.3%	-6.8%
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁵	3,504	3,342	2,749	2,681	2,199	-37.2%	-34.2%	-20.0%	-18.0%
Weapon Law Violations ⁵	889	780	745	875	760	-14.5%	-2.6%	2.0%	-13.1%
Domestic Violence	10,412	11,582	9,732	9,489	8,940	-14.1%	-22.8%	-8.1%	-5.8%
Total Group A Offenses	74,459	62,723	56,679	61,334	56,764	-23.8%	-9.5%	0.1%	-7.5%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearms⁶			4,686	5,058	5,133			9.5%	1.5%

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